Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Applications from the caste Hindus were numerically greater than applications from others.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know the total number of caste Hindus in the whole State?

President: Census Report.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know from the member how many approximately assembled on the day of the recruitment?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Between 600 and 700.

Enquiry re the Pattanamtitta incident.

72. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether both the District Magistrate and the Police Commissioner are making enquiries under the orders of Government about the incidents alleged to have been prepetrated in the Police Station at Pattanamtitta?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: The District Magistrate, Quilon, and the Commissioner of Police have completed their enquiries and sent up their reports which are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether the reports agree with the main finding?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: Each officer does not know what the finding of the other officer is.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether they disagree?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: That too it is not possible to say now.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know what action has been taken on the report?

President: The answer is there that they are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the officers who made the enquiry propose any steps to be taken against the newspapers that published false reports?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: The whole thing is under consideration.

Volunteers entertained in the Medical Department in connection with the present outbreak of malaria and cholera.

73. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese:** Will the Government be pleased to state the caste-war list of medical men and compounders taken as volunteers, from those who have not acted in the Government service, in connection with the recent outbreak of malaria and cholera in South Travancore?

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Mr. James Simpson (*Darbar Physician*): Volunteers have been appointed only in connection with the recent outbreak of malaria and their caste-war list is given below :—

	Medical men.	*Compounders.*
Nayars ...	2	1
Ezhavas ...	2	...
Vellala ...	1	...
Christians ...	4	...

Mr. E P. Varghese: May I know whether these volunteers will have any claim for future service ?

Mr. James Simpson: At the time they were entertained as volunteers it was definitely stated that Government could not guarantee any preferential treatment for them at the time of future appointments.

Amount spent on motor vehicles and accessories during the last five years.

74. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of motor cars, lorries and bicycles registered in the State during the last five years ending with Karkatakam 1109;

(*b*) the total amount that has gone out of the State for their purchase ;

(*c*) the amount annually sent out for the purchase of motor accessories ; and

(*d*) the quantity, in gallons, of petrol and lubricating oils annually consumed in the State and the cost thereof ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar :

	Year.	*Motor cars.*	*Lorries.*	*Bicycles.*
(*a*)	1105	210	56	56
	1106	205	39	52
	1107	151	20	33
	1108	184	28	33
	1109	252	65	21

	Year.	*Value.* Bh. Rs.
(*b*) and (*c*)	1105	12,08,618
	1106	10,52,139
	1107	2,96,690
	1108	3,49,955
	1109	5,61,305

As motor vehicles and accessories thereof are classified under one item for statistical purposes, separate figures for the value of accessories are not available.

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